

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
NOTICE OF FILING OF TESTIMONY AND
STATEMENT OF WITNESS AVAILABILITY FOR HEARINGS
(August 14, 2000)

To: Hon. Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

Pursuant to the Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/71, May 26, 2000, the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby provides notice that it is filing contemporaneously herewith additional testimony to incorporate into its case in chief matter relating to the revised test year forecast provided by the Postal Service in response to Order No. 1294. This testimony is designated as rebuttal testimony, and consists of the following:

OCA-RT-2 Rebuttal Testimony of Edwin A. Rosenberg. Mr. Rosenberg reviews changes to the Postal Service test year forecast made by Mr. Patelunas and considers the effect of these changes on Mr. Rosenberg's recommendation that the Commission reduce the requested 2.5 percent contingency provision to one percent.

OCA-RT-3 Rebuttal Testimony of Pamela A. Thompson. Ms. Thompson reviews and summarizes the differences between the Postal Service's filed case and the data supplied by Mr. Patelunas in response to Order No. 1294. Ms. Thompson

documents the use of more recent indices in forecasting test year expenses. Ms. Thompson also notes in particular three changes that bear close examination: the creation of a \$200 million "Field Reserve" to limit cost reductions, the change from ECI-1 to ECI, and re-examination of assumptions concerning the work-year mix adjustment.

In response to the Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/113, August 10, 2000, the OCA hereby provides the following information regarding dates on which witnesses Edwin A. Rosenberg and Pamela A. Thompson will be available for the hearings scheduled for August 23 – September 1, 2000. Witness Rosenberg is available to testify at any time throughout the period August 23-September 1. Witness Thompson is unavailable for the period August 23-25, but is able to testify at any time thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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